



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Art Unit: 1723

Wells, et al.

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For: Automatic Multiple-Decanting Centrifuge

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Honorable Director of the
Patents and Trademark Office
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests reconsideration of the requirement for a clean version of the amended claims as contained in the notice dated September 17, 2001.

It is noted that this application is a reissue. Thus, the "clean" copy of a claim would appear to be a fully underlined version without bracketing. Such was provided in the amendment of September 1, 2001. The "marked-up" claims provided with the amendment of September 1, 2001, were underlined to show that the underlining had been added in response to the examiner's advice that amended claims in a reissue should be underlined.

Please contact the undersigned with any outstanding issues.

Respectfully Submitted,
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